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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Mr. Sumsion:

Pursuant to your request for a waiver of seasonal limitation on the Chicken Creek Gypsum Mine located east of Levan, dated September 2, 2014; we have carefully considered associated impacts to wildlife, including big game and nesting Golden Eagles and determined there would be no unacceptable impact to wildlife for a limited period. This is due to current winter conditions with few big game animals in the immediate area and no known Golden Eagle nest areas nearby.

Accordingly, for the 2014 winter season, I am approving a partial exception to the timing restriction as approved in the 2003 Plan of Operation. As specified in this operating plan, there is a seasonal restriction in place which shuts down mining activities from December 1 thru April 15 to protect wintering big game.

This one-time extension will allow winter mining operations for an additional three weeks (to end prior to December 22, 2014). It is the responsibility of SUNROC to complete any needed reclamation bonding and mine plan approvals as necessary from the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM).

I am including a copy of the Record of Decision and the March 29, 2013 transmittal letter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN DRAPER  
District Ranger

cc: Paul Baker, Minerals Program Manager, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

